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E-Legislative Update

February 25 – March 3, 2013



February 25th marks the beginning of the seventh week of the legislative session. Wednesday, February 26th is the last day to read in committee reports in their house of origin. However, you still have an opportunity to testify on a bill. If you cannot appear before a committee, [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

02/25/13 1:30 pm

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm A

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 1283](#) - Changing compulsory school attendance requirements for children six and seven years of age.

Economic Development

Capital Budget

02/25/13 8:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm B
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 1648](#) - Providing for community economic revitalization in incorporated areas.

Finance

02/25/13 8:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 1301](#) - Creating clean energy jobs in Washington state through renewable energy incentives.

Ways & Means

02/25/13 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 4
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5679](#) - Improving the business climate and stimulating job creation by requiring certain agencies to establish a formal review process of existing rules. (If measure is referred to committee.)
2. [SSB 5382](#) - Promoting economic development through tax relief for start-up firms. (If measure is referred to committee.)
3. [SSB 5109](#) - Creating a business and occupation tax credit for new businesses. (If measure is referred to committee.)
4. [SSB 5680](#) - Promoting economic development by providing information to businesses. (If measure is referred to committee.)
5. [SSB 5243](#) - Establishing policies to support academic acceleration for high school students.
6. [SSB 5365](#) - Increasing the capacity of school districts to recognize and respond to troubled youth.

7. [SB 5765](#) - Promoting economic development through business and government streamlining projects. (If measure is referred to committee.)

Ways & Means**02/26/13 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 4

J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SSB 5656](#) - Revising business licensing systems. (If measure is referred to committee.)
2. [SSB 5624](#) - Aligning high-demand secondary STEM or career and technical education programs with applied baccalaureate programs.
3. [SSB 5560](#) - Modifying job skills program provisions.

Information is current as of: February 22, 2013.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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